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TAGS: OCLR, TPHY, AR, FA, UK, PBOR

SUBJECT: R/V THOMPSON RESEARCH CRUISE AND RSS SHACKLETON  
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REF: A. STATE 27071 (NOTAL)

B. USUN 423 (NOTAL)

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1. DEPARTMENT ADVISED U. OF WASHINGTON THAT IT CONSIDERS  
SHACKLETON INCIDENT TO RELATE DIRECTLY TO ARGENTINE-  
BRITISH DISPUTE OVER FALKLAND ISLANDS AND IN PARTICULAR

TO RECENT OCCURRENCES. ACCORDINGLY, THAT THERE IS MINIMAL  
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DANGER FOR THOMPSON TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN DRAKE PASSAGE

REGION IN AREA WHICH USG CONSIDERS TO BE HIGH SEAS. DEPARTMENT ALSO ADVISED UNIVERSITY IT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL ADVISE IT IMMEDIATELY IF IT PERCEIVES ANY CHANGE IN THIS SITUATION. FINAL DECISION ON CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS OF R/V THOMPSON IS UP TO UNIVERSITY.

2. FOR BUENOS AIRES: PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU CONCUR WITH THIS ASSESSMENT.

3. FOR LONDON: REUTERS REPORT FROM BUENOS AIRES QUOTES BRITISH SOURCES AS HAVING STATED THAT ARGENTINIAN AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN INFORMED CONCERNING SHACKLETON RESEARCH. AN ARGENTINIAN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT BRITISH EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RESPECT THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARGENTINIAN LAW IN CARRYING OUT THE PLANNED RESEARCH AND THAT THIS WAS NOT DONE. COMMUNIQUE REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO CONTINENTAL SHELF RESEARCH BY THE SHACKLETON. R/V THOMPSON IS NOT REPEAT NOT CONDUCTING CONTINENTAL SHELF RESEARCH BUT MAY BE IN WATERS OF DRAKE PASSAGE CLAIMED BY ARGENTINA. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO NATURE OF INFORMATION PROVIDED GOA BY HMG CONCERNING SHACKLETON RESEARCH AND WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY RECENT DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING RESEARCH OPERATIONS OR WHETHER IT ALSO APPEARS TO LONDON THAT SHACKLETON INCIDENT RELATES TO FALKLAND DISPUTE RATHER THAN TO RESEARCH DISPUTE. KISSINGER

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